

# Greenbelt News Review

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## OpenHouseSunday At Woodland Hills

Greenbelters will have a chance this Sunday afternoon to inspect the new homes and park areas of Woodland Hills. A great big warm welcome will be extended to all who come to satisfy their curiosity as to what has been going on "in them thar hills" during the past six months, when mud, rain, and unpaved roads made it almost impossible even to catch a glimpse of what was going on.

Organized as a non-profit co-operative by local citizens to solve the problem of providing larger housing for their growing families at prices they could afford, the group has succeeded admirably in putting together a quality-model project at low cost. The large 3- and 5-bedroom brick homes, located on beautiful cool wooded hillside lots, provide adequate housing close to churches, school, recreational areas, the lake, and shopping center, and yet isolated enough by the surrounding park areas and hills to be as quiet and remote as a home in the country. F.H.A. officials in Washington who insured the project are fascinated with the story of the project, which is the first co-operative type subdivision of this kind to be insured by them. Washington papers have frequently commented about the unusual nature and quality of the project in feature articles in their real estate sections. The members, by pooling together and awarding contracts to builders on a competitive basis, obtained the advantage of wholesale prices. Then after completion each individual member obtained title to his own lot and home, thus gaining both the savings of wholesale group buying and the desired goal of individual ownership. Custom homes are also now under construction by individual members in Woodland Hills.

Mr. Madden, president of the group, said information concerning the 12 additional homes soon to be built in Woodland Hills can be obtained at the open house Sunday.

### Carl E. Pearson

Carl E. Pearson, 2-M Gardenway, died very suddenly of a heart attack at Prince Georges General Hospital Sunday, June 30. He was 66 years of age.

A resident of Greenbelt from 1938 until his death, he retired from the Government about a year ago and went into the Tastee-Freez business for himself. He was a veteran of World War I and was buried in Arlington Cemetery with military honors.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl, one son, Carl E., Jr. of College Park, and one granddaughter.

## WHAT GOES ON

Saturday, July 20 - Youth Center Swim Party, 9:45 - 11:45 p.m. Voting registration, City Clerk's office, 10:30 - 3  
Monday, July 22 - 8 p.m.-Special Council Meeting  
Friday, July 26 - 8:15, GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.  
Saturday, July 27 - Fire Department Dance

## Business Review

By Chuck Boynton

Last December 15, High's opened its doors to the Greenbelt public. Featuring highest quality dairy products—from a full line of ice cream, milk, cheeses, etc., as well as snack items, potato chips, cookies and candy, High's has found a ready market in its present location. Located in "The Center", between the barbershop and News Agency, High's reports a very good turnover of stock since its opening.

Frank Hawkins opened High's after employment with a large chain store gave him the experience necessary for his job. A former resident of states such as Missouri and Iowa (where he was born) for a number of years, Frank settled in Maryland after discharge from the service — asked why, he stated simply that there seemed to be better opportunities here. He is at present a resident of Cheverly, where he owns a home.

Frank has a leasing arrangement with High's who in turn rent the store space. He just recently added a cigarette machine to the modern facilities he has on the premises for keeping his products at proper temperatures.

The moderate prices offered at High's for quality products are augmented at times by specials, such as the one offered during the past month, when they were featuring buttermilk at ten cents a quart.

Summer month activity has been quite high, with the quick turnover that might be expected in any stores offering ice cream. This can be witnessed by anyone who might be in High's during its operating hours. Surprisingly enough, however, the amount of summer activity has not increased the overall business index to a large degree, as High's was also doing quite well in the months prior to the hot weather.

The High's store located in Greenbelt is one of approximately ninety-five doing business in the Washington, D. C. general area alone. We in this area are fortunate, as you may have noticed in High's advertisements, to be able to purchase their products at lower prices than are offered in some others (their vitamin-D homogenized milk, for instance, sells for 78c a gallon here as opposed to 92c a gallon in Virginia). High's is open daily 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

## The Legionaire

By Tom Freeman

Elections were held Monday, July 8, at the Legion Home. New officers for the 1958 term are as follows: Commander, Bill Clark; 1st Vice Commander, Tom Freeman; 2nd Vice Commander, Bill Peake; Treasurer, Chuck Link; Sergeant of Arms, Austin Green; Chaplain, Nevill Torbert; Historian, William Baxter; and of course Wayne Roberts was re-elected to the job of Adjutant.

Installation of these officers is being held tonight at the post home at 8:30 p.m. All are invited to attend this ceremony. Refreshments will be served after the meeting is over.

Call 8922 for News Review while Editor Harry Zubkoff is on vacation.

## Registration

The City Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, July 20, 1957 from 10:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. to permit citizens to register to vote in the September Council election.

Winfield McCamy  
City Clerk

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## Special Meeting

There will be a special Council meeting Monday, July 22 at eight o'clock in the council room of the municipal offices, to discuss the industrial development program in Greenbelt.

## Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (New Name) Discusses Painting Problems, Etc.

by Al Skolnik

Problems of individual members monopolized the attention of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (formerly Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation) board of directors at its regular Friday night meeting, July 12. These problems ranged from painting of homes to the laying of sidewalks.

A resident of 5 Ridge court requested the board to reconsider its painting policy. He stated that last month the GHI painting crew painted the exterior trim of all the homes in the court except his, on the grounds that his trim had been painted under the self-help program during the last five years. Even two of his neighbors who had also painted themselves got their trim repainted, he asserted, because their colors clashed with the new color being applied by GHI. The resident thought it unfair that he was being penalized for having painted himself in conformity with GHI's self-help policy.

GHI president Ed Burgoon explained that this year's budget had set aside only \$18,000 for the painting of trim. "To paint all the trims in Greenbelt would cost about \$100,000," he said. "Eventually we expect to do just that, by getting back on our five-year painting cycle program. But, in the meantime, the board adopted the policy last winter of using the \$18,000 to just paint the trim of houses that had not been painted at any time since GHI took over the housing development."

At the time this policy was adopted, it was estimated that about one-fifth of the homes had been painted during the first year by GHI before the five-year cycle program was suspended, and that another three-fifths had been painted by individual home-owners under the self-help program. "By painting the remaining one-fifth this year," continued Burgoon, "the situation would be equalized."

## Little League Holds Annual All-Star Game

On Sunday, July 21, at 2 p.m., the Little League of Greenbelt will hold its Annual All Star Game. Bud Dean will coach the American League All Stars, and Hoppy Hofstetter will coach the Nationals. City officials have been invited to attend.

Each boy on both squads will receive a medal in recognition of his being chosen to represent his league. Frank Youell will handle the public address system, Jim Wells promises to have plenty of Pepsi Cola on ice, and the boys will do their best to provide a good game.

If you're in town on Sunday, come over to McDonald Field. It promises to be a pleasant afternoon of baseball.

## YOUTH CENTER SWIM

On Saturday, July 20, the Youth Center will have a swim party between the hours of 9:45 and 11:45 p.m. Normal rules and regulations will be in force while in the pool. The same rules and regulations regarding the Youth Center will also be enforced. You must be between the ages of 13-19 to join the party. This is the first of several activities being planned. Admission will be 25 cents.

## BODY BUILDING CLUB

The Greenbelt Weightlifting and Bodybuilding Club is now open to men 19 years of age and over. If you are interested in gaining or losing weight, increasing your strength and athletic ability or if you just plain want to look and feel better, why not call Joe Brommer at GR 4-9640 for further information? The boys in the 12 to 18 age group have been working out for 3 weeks now and are really showing wonderful improvement. Any boys in this age group are invited to join also. Football season is almost here so why don't you gridmen help yourselves to a better season by conditioning yourselves the right way!

throughout the community, thus making it possible for the five-year painting cycle program to be resumed again next year."

Director Frank Lastner pointed out that one of the major reasons for giving priority to the homes that have not been painted in the last five years is the necessity for protecting and preserving the woodwork and casements against the elements. "This responsibility for maintaining the property must take precedence over any inequities that individual members may suffer." He was joined in these sentiments by director Frank Kribby.

Director George Eshbaugh observed, however, that some difficulties might be avoided if the GHI painting crew exercised independent judgment as to when to repaint a member's trim, and not follow exclusively a time schedule. "Since one of the purposes of this year's paint program is to achieve a certain degree of conformity in the appearances of homes, I would think," said Eshbaugh, "that the governing factor in a situation such as this would be whether the unpainted trim presented a sharp contrast with the newly painted trim. This was apparently the policy followed by the crew in repainting the trim of those persons who had painted different colors."

Burgoon stated that the five-year cycle plan does not necessarily mean that every house will be painted exactly every five years. "In setting up painting priorities for next year, it is obvious," he explained, "that other things, besides the date of last painting, will have to be considered, such as court location, condition of trim, degree of conformity among the court homes, and avoidance of individual inequities."

The board concluded that it was premature to consider next year's painting policy at this time. It, however, concurred with Eshbaugh's suggestion that the GHI painting crew exercise flexibility in deciding when to repaint a trim already painted.

### Still Another Paint Problem

Another paint problem arose when an owner of an apartment at 61 Ridge told the board that the hallway leading to her apartment is so dirty and shabby that she is unable to interest prospective buyers. She said she has offered to share with her neighbor the cost of painting the hallway, but her neighbor declined. She appealed to the board for remedial action, as she did not think she should bear the whole cost of painting a hallway which is shared equally with a neighbor.

Burgoon stated that under the terms of the contract the corporation is not responsible for interior painting. However, he added, the corporation is interested in preserving the property and its appearances. If property is run down, the corporation may under certain circumstances paint a premises and then bill the occupants. Before such drastic action be taken, Burgoon suggested that the management try to work out an amicable settlement of the problem.

### A Sidewalk Problem

A complaint was received from a resident of 2 Crescent court regarding the laying of a sidewalk adjacent to his property which he claimed invaded his privacy. The sidewalk had been requested by nearby residents so that they could have easy access to the street from the front of their homes. GHI Manager John O. Walker stated that he had notified all affected parties by mail last April of the intended sidewalk and that no objections had been registered until last week after the sidewalk had been laid. The board supported management in its feeling that the protest came too late to change things.

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## My Town

By Russ Greenbaum

My subject this week is Greenbelt Junior High School, which was once described by one of the consultant architects for the town as lacking any attraction either in its architecture or its site. When it was built by the Government 20 years ago (it was a junior-senior high school in the early years), the appropriation for the building was cut to the bone, and the architects could supply no more than the bare necessities. Apparently this philosophy has continued to pervade the school, for it has become clear that the youngsters who attend there are only getting the bare necessities in education.

There is no doubt that a serious situation exists at the junior high school as indicated by the spontaneous mass meeting of junior high parents held last winter when the school PTA could not deal with the matter. A committee was set up to investigate the situation but its report was never completed or at least not published. I, for one, was anxious to know what truth there was to the wild stories of rowdiness I had heard about the school. These stories gave me (and presumably others) the impression that the school was dominated by a band of uncontrollable ruffians who were daily making shambles of efforts to teach. (The note is usually added that the troublemakers are non-Greenbelters, many of whom attend there.)

Recently I had the occasion to discuss the matter separately with a small group of boys and one of girls who are present or were recent students at the school. I wanted to obtain their viewpoint on conditions there. Contrary to what I expected, rough-housing and horseplay in the classrooms was not their most serious complaint, although certainly some of that went on. A far more devastating criticism was the unanimous opinion of both groups that they simply did not learn anything at Greenbelt Junior High. One boy—admittedly a superior student—characterized the work as a glorified review of what he had learned in elementary school, while one girl (also brighter than average) said that she had difficulty in her first year at senior high because junior high had not prepared her for the subjects she encountered. Others in the group agreed that much of the curriculum—particularly Core, the combination of English literature and composition, history, social sciences and what-have-you—was boring and not very challenging and taught by some of the teachers in an uninspired and listless manner without any attempt to make their students work. They noted that it was in the classrooms of the poorer teachers that most of the unruliness occurred and where at times the soaring paper airplanes were like a blizzard. In contrast, the few teachers that stood out favorably in the minds of these students were those who presented interesting material, made them work, and were strict. There was little fooling around in these classes.

Now far be it from me to jump on teachers who are already down-trodden and get little, including money, for their devotion to educating the brats for whose behavior we parents are basically responsible. For one thing, it may be that the teachers are prisoners of a poorly planned curriculum.

I was also told that the text books are old and out-dated. A few teachers plainly are not equipped to cope with the boldness of the modern young teen-ager. The youngsters also have the unanimous feeling that little disciplinary action is taken against troublemakers that are sent down to the principal's office. Frequently they are allowed to wander around aimlessly disturbing other classes. There are usually a few of these in each class, and the typical manner of handling them is indicated by the statement from the boys that you always hear a teacher yelling at someone when you walk down the corridors. Finally, there is overcrowding, which should be alleviated somewhat by the new addition.

Neither group could confirm a report I had heard of a teacher being hung out the window. On the other hand, the boys claimed that it was not uncommon to see some of their classmates carrying switch blades, although apparently this was just to show off and were never used in hostile actions. The girls remembered the time that some students set fires in their desks to harass a teacher. Only one account really worried me. This concerned a boy who worked in the lunch room where he stopped another boy from stealing some ice cream. A little later in the day he was caught in the lavatory by this boy and three of his friends who proceeded to beat him up badly enough to keep him out of school for several days. As far as is known, nothing was done about this. This incident is by no means a common occurrence, but if such happenings are treated casually, they may easily become commonplace.

Have the youngsters to whom I talked exaggerated or distorted in their mind the conditions at Greenbelt Junior High? They appeared responsible to me and talked unemotionally as if it were a situation they had learned to live with. I wonder if you parents are also willing to accept the situation.



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## Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik - GRanite 4-6060

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Naugle, 50-E Ridge. Andrew Lamar was born on June 28, and weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 oz. He has a sister Glynda, 14 months.

They named her Mary Anne. Her proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McAndrew, 2-M Eastway. Mary Anne arrived June 30, weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. She joins a brother, Tommy who will soon be three years old.

Mr. and Mrs. James SanAntonio, 38-D Ridge, announce the birth of a son on July 1. James Dominic, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. has a two year old sister, Patricia. Visiting the family at this time is Mrs. SanAntonio's sister, Miss Sally Cunnene, from Chicago, Illinois.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rutrough, 30-B Crescent. Roy Eugene arrived July 3, and weighed 7 lbs, 13 oz. He has a sister, Brenda Louise.

The Bernard Siscos, 19 Lakeside, have Bernadine's aunt, Mrs. Sophie Dickman of Phoenix, Arizona, visiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Klingner, 58-B Ridge and their two children have returned from a trip to New Jersey where they visited friends and relatives. A very happy birthday to Ronald, who celebrates his seventh birthday on the eighteenth.

Their vacation was great! Mr. and Mrs. Leland Roberts, 14-Z-1 Laurel Hill, and their children, Annette and Randy, enjoyed the beach at Highpoint, Maryland, for a week. Then they went a-campin' at Cave Mountain Lake in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Condolences to the Bartholomew family, 1-A Southway, on the loss of Ralph's father, Mr. T. R. Bartholomew of Keokuk, Iowa. The Bartholomews were in Iowa when the death occurred.

Meet Mr. and Mrs. Morris Berman, 33-G Ridge. The Bermans moved here from Northwest Park. Berman works at the Beltsville Agricultural Center. Mrs. Berman (Charlotte) will be teaching at the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School in the fall. She will also join the staff of the JCC Sunday school. The Bermans have two children, Hally, age 4, and Louise, 16 months.

Former Greenbelters, Marilyn and Tom Woods, visited the Jack Willards, 24 Lakeside, over the weekend. Marilyn will be remembered as a teacher at Greenbelt Junior High and at High Point. The Woods are living in Clifton Forge, Virginia.

The Schwimer girls, 45-M Ridge, are happy that grandma, Mrs. Ray Feldman, will be staying with them for a while. Carol has a houseguest from Baltimore, Miss Adele Rosen.

The Robert Zusts will be leaving this area on July 23. Their new address is 10222 Hobkirk Drive, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Helen Starnes, 58-E Crescent is in Prince Georges Hospital. Mrs. Starnes, recovering from an operation, would enjoy hearing from her many friends and neighbors. She will be in the hospital for another week.

All's well at the News Review office. The News Review branch of the Citron family, Lester and Matthew, are back in harness again.

Stuart A. Oring, son of Mr. Irving Oring of 1-F Westway, has been named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring quarter. Stuart, a second year student in RIT's Photography Department, is a 1950 graduate of Greenbelt High School.

## FAMILY NIGHT

North End playground will have "family night" tomorrow, Friday, July 19, from 6:30 until dark. The program (part of the county recreation program) will start with a picnic supper; each family is invited to bring its own. Then there will be games and contests for all ages. The location—North End school, rain or shine.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

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Glenn W. Samuelson, Pastor

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Thursday, July 18, 7:30 p.m., Quarterly business meeting at Parsonage. All members are encouraged to attend. 8:30 p.m., Chapel choir rehearsal.

Sunday, July 21, 9:45 a.m., Sunday school for all ages, John S. Stewart, Jr., Superintendent. 11 a.m., Morning worship services, in center school auditorium. The Chapel choir will sing under the direction of Mrs. John J. Oleksak. The Pastor will preach on "Measure of Greatness." 6 p.m., Training Union for all ages, Mrs. John S. Stewart, Jr., director. 7 p.m., Evening worship services with informal hymn singing and special music. The Pastor will preach on the subject "Profession without Possession."

Monday, July 22, 8:30 p.m., Baseball at Braden Field.

Tuesday, July 23, Sunday school teachers and officers meeting. All Sunday school leaders are urged to attend this meeting to determine how we can build up our Sunday school attendance and to plan for the fall program. 8:30 p.m., Training Union leaders meeting.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

Donald N. MacKenzie and

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GR 4-6171

Sunday, July 21: Morning worship at 10 a.m., with Mr. Hull preaching, "The End of a Golden String." Church school at 9 a.m. for Junior, Junior and Senior High, Adults; at 10 a.m. for Nursery, Kindergarten. Primary.

## METHODIST CHURCH

40 Ridge Road

Walter C. Smith, Minister

GR 4-9410

Sunday - 9 a.m., Sunday school for nursery and kindergarten. Morning worship service. Rev. Smith will be preaching the fourth of his series of sermons on the prophets of the Old Testament. The sermon is "Jeremiah—Prophet of Prayer." 10 a.m., Sunday school for all ages from primary through adults.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 20 - Confessions 4 to 5:30 in the afternoon, 7:30 to 9 in the evening.

July 21 - Masses 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, and 11 a.m. Baptism 1 p.m.

## THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and floral contributions after the loss of our loving husband and father, Carl E. Pearson, Sr.

Mrs. Pearl Pearson

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pearson, Jr.

## SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The St. Hugh's team has moved into first place in the League to break the three way tie. St. Hugh's now has a record of 6 wins and 1 loss. The teams seem to be improving as more league games are played. This past week showed a couple of close games with St. Hugh's defeating the Athletic Club 9-8. The Methodist Church gave the Community Church it's second loss in the league 12-9. On Monday night of this week St. Hugh's defeated the Baptist Chapel 17-12.

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## Check Car Before Vac.

For those who haven't been on vacation yet, here's a motoring check-off list prepared by the D. C. Division, American Automobile Association.

George T. Viverette, Manager, Emergency Road Service Department, D. C. Division, AAA, said the idea was developed especially for motorists planning long trips this summer. The mechanical parts covered on the list, when not functioning properly, account for over 60 percent of breakdowns reported by AAA Emergency Road Service crews during the course of the year.

"Even though you had your car tuned and inspected this spring," Viverette said, "you may help insure carefree vacation driving by a last minute check of these five trouble spots:

"1. Tires. See that tire thread is high and that the rubber is wearing evenly. Never start a long trip, especially if high-speed expressways are to be traveled, on old or badly worn tires.

"2. Battery. Check for proper water level and clean terminals; recheck once each week during hard drives in hot weather.

"3. Fan belt. Inspect the fan belt for condition and tightness. If it breaks or slips, the result will be over-heating and electrical failure.

"4. Spark plugs. Have your plugs tested, cleaned and re-adjusted or replaced. Your coil, condenser and distributor points should also be checked if six months have elapsed since the last tune-up.

"5. Cooling system. Be sure that your car's radiator is filled with water; look for leaks if the level is low."

Viverette pointed out that these checks should be made as an added precaution along with your normal safety equipment inspection, which includes lights, brakes, horn, windshield wipers, steering and wheel alignment.

"The best time for such a check," Viverette explained, "is when you take your car in for lubrication a day or two before your vacation trip. Adjustments and minor parts replacement costs less than long-distance towing, and repairs far from home," he added.

## Opportunities

By Leslie Robinson

Promotion of career employees in the Government can be rapid for those termed by the United States Civil Service Commission as outstanding college graduates. John P. Abbadesa, age 33, an assistant director in the General Accounting Office with an annual salary of \$11,610, received his masters degree in business administration from the University of Pennsylvania and began his service with the Government in 1947 at \$2,645 a year. James W. Clark, age 33, with a present salary of \$10,320 a year as a senior examiner in the Bureau of the Budget, graduated from Princeton in 1950 and entered Government service that same year at \$3,450 a year.

These two men are the high earners in the display of pictures and biographical sketches of 28 Government employees in the foyer of the main Civil Service Building in downtown Washington. The display is part of an effort to attract college graduates to Government service. The low earners in this display are in the \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year class.

Mary Menihan, one of the two women in the display, is 35 years old and is a staff assistant in the U. S. Civil Service Commission at \$7,800 a year. She graduated from the New York State College for Teachers (Albany) in 1942 and began her Government service in 1950 at \$3,100 a year. The other woman, Nancy Barrow Wright, age 25, is a contract negotiator in a defense agency at \$6,390 per year. She graduated from Radcliffe in 1953 and began her Government service in the same year at \$3,410 a year.

On entering the Government this group of outstanding career employees averaged 25 years of age, and their salaries, with one exception, were less than \$4,000 a year. Now, at an average age of 32, this group averages \$7,800 a year.

The U. S. Civil Service has this to say about a career in the Government:

"The progress of the young men and women pictured here represents the career pattern of outstanding college graduates in the Federal Civil Service.

"The Federal Service Entrance Examination provides a single avenue of entrance into a wide range of administrative, professional, and technical positions which, through planned guidance and development, can lead to the highest career posts in the Federal Government."

## "The Rainmaker"

Playing leading roles in the University of Maryland's Summer Theatre production of "The Rainmaker" will be Judy Neumann as a woman who feels destined for spinsterhood and Howard Waters as a fast-talking con man claiming to bring rain for a one hundred dollar fee. Others in the cast of the play, written by Richard Nash and directed by Bob Millie include: Robert Arnold, Rod Norvell, Mel Diamond, Kit Larke, and Edward Porter.

Performances will be given Thursday through Saturday, July 18-20, at 8:30 p.m. in the Central Auditorium on the College Park campus. Phone reservations can be made by calling WA 7-3800, extension 401.



Fire board Number 1-UNION 4-1122

By Lester Citron

**GREENBELT DOESN'T HAVE A BEACH** or wavy salt water of Rehoboth, nor does it have the tall buildings and bright lights of New York, yet it does have a something of value worth all the change and exoticism anywhere has to offer - my home. Unpainted shingles, neglected lawn and all, I'm glad to be back.

During my absence I'm glad to see that both my good neighbors, Reverend Smith and Mr. McDonald, were kind enough to pinchhit for me. To both of them, I want to say "Thanks" and invite them to use this space to express their views again on the Fire Department and Rescue Squad whenever they so desire.

"**HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON A FINE JOB**" was the comment made by Tom Snoddy, Director of Civil Defense in Greenbelt, when referring to the part played by the Fire Department and Rescue Squad in the recent Civil Defense exercises. He was pleased that we had six to ten men on twenty-four hour call or stand-by from Friday noon through Sunday. Mr. Snoddy said that the volunteers were well organized and that this was well demonstrated in their activities at the Christian Brothers Home in the "contaminated area" and in other activities throughout the exercises.

"This is no play, this could happen," Mr. Snoddy said. "If it did happen, 155 thousand lives would have been snuffed out. Three small bombs were dropped, none larger than twenty kilo-ton equivalent of T.N.T. at three different places in the defense area. However, if one 'large' bomb were dropped at Union Station, its effects would be felt in Greenbelt." Mr. Snoddy again emphasized the role of the volunteer rescue organizations in other types of disasters, similar to the one caused by hurricane in Louisiana: "The volunteer rescue organizations are a first line of defense, even before the Red Cross."

**THE LADIES HAVE BEEN BUSY** at the Legion dances, the booths at the Carnival and the Fourth of July celebration, and have run a bond raffle won by somebody in Pennsylvania (dern it). Also coming up soon, a Bake Sale, proceeds of which will help lessen the deficit caused by a State Auxiliary Treasurer who forgot which bank account were hers. I like cake.

**DON'T FORGET** another DANCE at the Legion Post Saturday, the 27. Pizza and music as usual.

## Librarian's Notebook

By Elizabeth B. Hago

A short time ago we drove to Williamsburg for a week-end and had a splendid time. However, we couldn't help thinking as we wandered in and out of the restored and reconstructed buildings and up and down the tree-lined, covered-over cobble-stone streets that the Library's 16 mm color films seen at a club meeting, before going, had made the visit more enjoyable. We also thought if one could not go in reality, the films gave a pleasant and authentic story. The films which are available from the collection of the Prince George's County Memorial Library are **WILLIAMSBURG - RESTORED** showing the research and attention to detail involved in the work; **FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS OF WILLIAMSBURG** showing colonial use of flowers in interior decorating; and **18TH CENTURY LIFE IN WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA** depicting a day in the life of a Colonial family.

To borrow any of these films - or any one of 90-odd others on various subjects - call WA 7-4916 to make arrangements for a good program for your group (s). NOTE: Traffic is no problem - nor costs - when you tour Williamsburg via the arm-chair route, compliments of your County Library.

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## Greenbelt Profiles

By Barbara Gilmore

From erector sets and model airplanes to assistant research professor in physics at Maryland University is the accomplishment of Dr. Marty Swetnick since his childhood days.

Dr. Swetnick, who lives at 57-L Ridge, will fly via MATS next week along with Dr. Singer and Bruce Edwards (also a Greenbelter) to Thule Air Force Base in Greenland, where they will set up the University of Maryland's telescope "Meson". The telescope, soon to appear in illustration in Life magazine, is composed of 60 monstrous radio-type tubes or geiger counters with radiation detection devices and mounted on an aluminum chassis that will measure the bombardments in order that they tubes will amplify the cosmic ray bombardments in order that they may be studied at a greater advantage during this International Geophysical Year which will last about 18 months. The source of the cosmic rays are still a mystery to science and are being studied mainly by the Naval Observatory and the University of Maryland here in the Washington region. This year spots on the sun which cause radio communication interference and incidentally may be seen with a pair of black glasses, will be the main object of observation leading to discussion and eventually conclusions that will be producing new procedures to be

applied to the betterment of mankind.

Dr. Swetnick has been interested in nature and the ways and means of nature for as long as he can remember. Way back when he was 11, Mrs. Swetnick (who is here from Brooklyn visiting her son until he takes off for Greenland) reminisced, Dr. Swetnick wrote to the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroads asking if he might see the way railroad switch houses operated. After Mrs. Swetnick signed permission for her son's tour, an enthusiastic and jubilant boy was taken through the railroad yards.

In high school, his biology and physics teachers impressed him with their presentation of information so that he longed to return each day to the classroom and lecture. He then entered Brooklyn College as a physics major and earned his way playing professionally in an orchestra. At this time physics was a relatively new field, but then came the atomic bomb producing new information and on went Marty Swetnick plugging away as wholeheartedly as ever for his Masters and Doctorate, at New York University. While at N.Y.U. Dr. Swetnick, in the summer months, went to Colorado to study cosmic rays at Ekco Lake living on the University of Denver campus. This provided for good balloon chasing experience as he jokingly puts it. They would send up tremendous sized balloons, 18 in all, attached to one another like instruments secured for measuring "upstairs" reactions. All this being done in order that we might know new characteristics or properties of various natural phenomena. Dr. Swetnick obtained his doctorate in 1951 and then went to work for Anton Electronic Laboratories in Brooklyn where he worked on alpha and beta particles in relation to health. He then came to Maryland University and has been here about a year. Being a physics-minded individual, Dr. Swetnick says that he wishes more young folks would tackle science; that too often people automatically say that science is difficult and

## GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club has announced that anyone interested in gardening is invited to attend a tour of the Beltsville Experimental station on Thursday, July 25. The tour will include the greenhouses, rose plots, and lily beds.

Cars will leave the Center School at 7:15 p.m. Anyone needing transportation to the Center School may call Ed Schneider at 9548.

## BRIGHTER PLAY

What court will be next? There's nothing to it. Each neighbor can chip in any odds and ends of paint and then spend an evening or two to paint up those swings, slides, see saw and jungle bars and have an attractive play area and pleasant view from the living room window.

This project has been accomplished by the people in "A" block at the top of Ridge and Crescent Roads. Drive by and watch it catch your eye.

they therefore avoid it; that science is not really difficult for it is interesting and magnitudinal in its entirety. He informed me of the kits obtainable for kids to build telescopes and said that Greenbelt being the ideal place to observe outer space (no high buildings to interfere with one's visibility ought to be taken advantage of by the younger generation. These telescopes would enable an individual to see and study planets, the surface of the moon and other points of interest in the sky. Also of probable interest to many are the sun spots.

Dr. Swetnick believes that in 10 years we'll be travelling to the moon and I asked him what he would think of such a venture personally. His reply was that if he could return, he thought it would definitely be a worthwhile experience. He said there's one thing about the moon, the women should certainly enjoy the visit, finding their weight diminished to one-fourth its original. (Gad, 32 lbs.!)

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**Subdivision - Sunday - July 21st - 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

*All residents of Greenbelt are cordially invited to be present at the ceremonies celebrating the completion of the Woodland Hills project, dedication of the park area, utilities, and streets to the City of Greenbelt, and the turning over of the lots and homes to individual ownership. The program is as follows:*

## OPEN HOUSE:

2 P.M. to 6 P.M. - Model three bedroom and five bedroom homes at corner of Northway and Woodland Way roads will be open for inspection. Board members will be present to answer questions, and to furnish information concerning plans, costs, and payments to those interested in acquiring one of the 12 additional homes shortly to be built in Woodland Hills.

## DEDICATION CEREMONIES:

Will take place at 4 P.M. at corner of Northway and Woodland Way roads. The ceremonies will include divine invocation, acceptance of the park area, utilities, and streets by City officials, reading of a City Council resolution welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Rexford Guy Tugwell and family to Greenbelt residency, and expressing appreciation for Mr. Tugwell's part in the creation of Greenbelt 20 years ago, and short addresses by County Commissioner Frank Lastner, City officials, F.H.A. officials from Washington, and representatives of Greenbelt Consumer Services and Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

*Again on behalf of all our members we cordially welcome you to Woodland Hills. Come with the family Sunday afternoon, see and enjoy this latest addition to Greenbelt's ever expanding and ever more beautiful horizons.*

Board of Directors,  
Woodway Homes, Inc.